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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

A GREAT NEWSBOY

During the years the present writer has been editor of this paper there was one period during which he had much help from Al Brown in getting through some painful difficulties. At that time, and even before that, and ever since, it would seem that if crowded into summing Al's character in two words, the two would have had to be radiance and forthrightness.

Al must have been a great newsboy. The radiance would have shone out from whatever corner he was standing on with his wares under his arm; and as for the forthrightness, never fear — Al would have stepped forward and let the victim know he assuredly ought to buy that paper!

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HONEST METAL

When Al stepped down from the president's platform at the Central Labor Council meeting and handed over the gavel to Vice President Edna Lallement, the radiance was momentarily dimmed a bit, but the forthrightness was still there. Even for Al, it was a little hard to be radiant under the circumstances.

For the second time to be compelled to give up leadership and even membership in an important parliamentary body he has learned to love and which has learned to love him, was hard indeed. The realization that it wasn't his fault in any way, and that all present knew this, couldn't have removed all the pain at the moment.

But that little farewell address had all his forthrightness in it. He was proud of the council, and he hoped he could continue to be proud of it. That was the gist. Very simple. But every word had the ring of honest metal, radiant metal, too.

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THE PROVERB

The well worn proverb has it that you can't make an omelet without breaking eggs.

Big reforms coming into cities from rural areas the kind of assistance given European immigrants coming into the cities of the United States.

CLC joins league to assist Negroes

The Central Labor Council this week voted to take out a membership in the Urban League, founded in 1910 to give Negroes coming into cities from rural areas the kind of assistance given European immigrants coming into the cities of the United States.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Steelworkers in 2-month strike at Newark: aid needed

Steelworkers Local 5649 has been on strike for two months against the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company in Newark.

There are 28 people in the strike. They have been getting only \$2 per hour, and the company has been alleging poverty as an obstacle to giving any kind of a decent rise in pay.

The company takes the attitude that it won't engage in any further negotiations until the strikers go back to work.

As for the alleged poverty of the company, James Robinson of the Steelworkers while relating the above to the Central Labor Council this week said that from all he could learn the company is only making a beggarly pittance of about 26% on the capital invested.

Robinson said that hardship cases are showing up, and any unions which would like to assist could send checks for the aid of Local 5649 to the Steelworkers subregional office at 610 - 16th Street, Oakland.

Cohelan appoints Washington aides

Congressman-elect Jeffery Cohelan, preparing to leave for Washington just before Christmas, announces that Charles E. Bosley, East Bay newspaperman, is to be his legislative assistant in Washington, in charge of press relations and research; and Mrs. Faricita Wyatt will be his chief secretary and office manager in Washington. Mrs. Wyatt, now with the State Department of Employment, is active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She served as a captain in the Women's Army Corps during the war.

Now anti-18 loan is outright gift

Cheers greeted the announcement by a delegate at the meeting of the Central Labor Council that a considerable sum of money which the membership had voted to loan to the campaign against the "right to work" measure had now been changed to an outright gift.

The delegate said that the membership was much pleased with the success of the campaign, and wished to help get the campaign books cleared fast.

Merger, holidays cancel Labor Council meetings

There will be no meeting of the Central Labor Council on December 22, owing to its nearness to Christmas, nor on December 29, owing to its nearness to New Year. No meeting next Monday due to the merger convention in San Francisco. But December 15 the council does meet.

CLC president contest

State merger convention meets in S.F. next week

Delegates of Alameda County local unions elected to attend the historic merger conventions in San Francisco were this week getting their regular tasks tidied up in preparation for the big gathering.

The State CIO Council and the State AFL Federation of Labor open their final separate conventions Monday of next week, December 8.

The evening of that day the State CIO Committee on Political Education and the State AFL Labor League for Political Education held their final separate conventions.

The next day, Tuesday, December 9, the five-day merger

convention from which is to arise the new California Labor Federation, will get under way. The evening of that day the merger convention of the two political bodies will be held; the new amalgamated political group will be called the California Labor Council on Political Education.

All of the conventions will be held in the main arena of the San Francisco Civic Auditorium. Headquarters for the five-day merger will be in the Fairmont Hotel.

Thomas L. Pitts is president of the AFL State Federation of Labor, and C. J. Haggerty is sec-

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Three candidates for 1 vacancy on executive board

Nominations were made Monday night at the Central Labor Council meeting Monday night for president, and for one vacancy on the executive committee.

Nominated for president were: Al Thoman, Carpenters 36; and Russ Crowell, Cleaners 3009.

Nominated for the place on the executive committee were: Russ Mathiesen, Department & Specialty Store Employees 1265; John Hutchinson, Berkeley Teachers; and Sylvan Thornton, Butchers 120.

The election will be held December 15, with installation at a later date. Those elected will hold office until the regular biennial election is held early next year, with nominations to fill all council offices and standing committees coming in February.

The election at this time is made necessary by the resignations of President Al Brown and Executive Committee Member Frank DeMartini.

Jack Faber of Cooks 228 nominated Thoman for the presidency. He said that Thoman was a big man physically and mentally, and he was sure would serve in the chair with fairness and distinction.

Harris Wilkin of Food Clerks

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State BTC convention is held

The 39th convention of the California Building & Construction Trades Council was held this week in San Francisco at the Fairmont Hotel.

Resolutions introduced by the Alameda County Building Trades Council and outlined in the last two issues of East Bay Labor Journal were considered.

Another important resolution discussed was one introduced by

the Santa Clara - San Benito BTC calling for an agreement between the State BTC and tool manufacturers and sales representatives of "power actuated tools." The purpose was to curb injuries.

Reports of the State BTC convention's decisions will be published later by East Bay Labor Journal.



FOOD CLERKS 870 had a very lively election campaign rally at their headquarters, 6537 Foot-hill Blvd., the last Tuesday of October, when the campaign was warm indeed. Several candidates were present and spoke. Later 10-year, 15-year, and 20-year membership pins were distributed among those shown in the picture: front row, left to right—Opal Cook, Thelma Overcast, Narcissus Shubert, Julietta Lucas, Lois Greenfield, Helen Persoglio, and May Howard. Back row, left to right: President Charles F. Jones, Alma Hansen, Louise Druequer, Myrtle Sellers, Helen Johanson, and Secretary-Treasurer Harris C. Wilkin.

HOW TO BUY

Don't bother buying a vibrator

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Any man who works with his muscles, or woman who is on her feet all day, naturally is attracted by the vibrator products now being promoted especially heavily for Christmas giving.

One reader reports a salesman is trying to sell him a "heat massage" set for \$243.50, and wants to know if it is worth buying. Another asks if a \$200 "vibrator chair" would be of help to her husband who suffers a good deal of muscular fatigue from his job.

Actually, millions of dollars are being spent for devices ranging from small hand vibrators and vibrator cushions for as little as nine dollars, to expensive vibrator lounge chairs and mattresses for as much as \$300. Last year it was vitamin products that promoters were touting as cures. This year it's vibrators.

To keep the boom going, manufacturers and sellers have been using all kinds of exaggerated health claims, to the extent that the U. S. Food and Drug Administration now is cracking down on some sellers. The FDA especially is worried about claims that vibrators will cure even such serious illnesses as multiple sclerosis and muscular dystrophy. But the crack-down, FDA warns, has not stopped additional fraudulent promotions.

This reporter finds that even usually reputable and fairly reliable retailers have been advertising vibrator products with false hints that they will alleviate nervous conditions, help you lose weight or firm flabby flesh.

The exaggerated advertising of vibrators is especially dangerous to ill people who rely on these products to cure arthritis, heart conditions, or other serious sickness, instead of seeking competent medical care.

Not only are the benefits of vibrator products exaggerated, but some sellers use the health claims to get some fancy prices for their products. Some so-called vibrator massage tables are priced as high as \$300, although you can get similar tables for \$200, which will do as little

for you as the expensive ones. Some vibrator lounge chairs sell for as much as \$150-\$200. Others are available for only \$70.

One of the chief appeals for women is that vibrators help lose weight or trim the figure. This is entirely false, even though some of the country's leading retailers advertise such claims as "help eliminate embarrassing excess weight" and "eliminate fatty tissue". Our leading seller plays it safe. In case his "rolling massage" table for \$198 doesn't really help you lose weight, he also suggests combining the use of the table with "sensible diet". That's all you need anyway.

Vibrator devices produce vibration through the use of a small electric motor. Some combine heat with the vibration.

All they really can do for you is soothe you, not cure you. They will provide temporary relief of minor muscular aches and pains due to over-exertion or fatigue; temporary stimulation of blood circulation in local areas, and temporary relaxing effect of muscular tension if it is due to causes.

But here's what vibrators, whether they cost \$10 or \$300, will not do:

They do not reduce weight, chase flabbiness, get rid of unsightly bulges, redistribute fatty tissues, slim or trim the figure.

They are not an effective treatment for tense muscles and muscular ailments.

They will not remove wrinkles, paunchy jaws, baldness and dandruff.

They will not relieve worry or tension, cure insomnia, or "melt away" nervous tension and fatigue symptoms by a "drugless tranquilizer" action.

They do not increase body nutrition or general metabolism, nor relieve constipation, nor restore nerve energy through improving the blood supply to diseased organs and tissues.

They do not relieve, cure or overcome arthritis, rheumatism, bursitis, neuritis, lumbago, heart trouble, paralytic stroke, multiple sclerosis or muscular dystrophy.

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To the Ladies:

FROM the EDITOR

BERKELEY'S Recreation Department has put out a leaflet on "Adult-Youth Relationship in Planning and Chaperoning Teenage Parties" which was given praise by Dorothy Barclay, the writer on children and their problems, in a recent issue of the New York Times.

Miss Barclay remarks that the word "chaperoning" in the title of the Berkeley publication "has a rather Old World sound. But whatever adults want to call it—serving as volunteer aides or hostesses—some such activity is generally accepted as essential today, in small home gatherings as well as community get-togethers... whatever a rebellious early teen-ager may have to say on the subject."

THEY SAY MUCH "on the subject," too. As Miss Barclay remarks, "playing chaperon is at times a totally thankless job. Especially at home, a youthful host may feel 'babied' in the eyes of the world if his parents hover."

For a time, parents to a pretty general extent experimented with the notion that "young people—even as young as 12 or 13—were assumed to know what was best for themselves. And who were parents to stay where they might be tempted to interfere?"

AT PRESENT, however, there seems to be a tightening up. Perhaps parents have been reading the papers and begin to realize some of the scrapes kids can get into.

Though just the other day there was that story of the 17-year-old girl, daughter of a prominent Baltimore surgeon, who, disguised as a midshipman, got into Annapolis, stood formation, and ate a regulation meal with the midshipmen's brigade before being discovered—and her parents said it was just a good joke, and she'd suffer no disciplining. Maybe in private they paddled her good!

Meal plans always sought

Food shopping habits of housewives have been studied, and after interviews with homemakers, the survey concluded that pleasing family tastes and avoiding monotony were a big concern of housewives.

When the women were asked what help they wanted most for keeping their families well-fed, the common emphasis was on meal planning ideas, menus, and recipes.

Washday trick

Your stockings won't get tangled on an outside clothesline on a windy day if you drop one or two marbles in each stocking before hanging out to dry. The marbles will provide enough weight to stop the wind from tangling your hose but not enough to pull your stockings out of shape.

BOOST THE LABEL!

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When making purchases, always ask for the union label. If building a home or repairing one, see that the men doing the plumbing or steamfitting work, painting, etc., belong to the union. Ask to see their Card. Boost the union emblem and help yourself. Patronize and demand the following union cards:



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Send thirty-five cents in coins for each pattern to Barbara Bell, East Bay Labor Journal, 367 West Adams Street, Chicago 6, Ill. Print name, address with zone, style number and size. Add 10¢ for each pattern for first-class mailing.

Tips on buying bed clothing

If you're buying new bed sheets, you'll find that it involves choosing between endurance and appearance, while giving all due respect to costs involved. Home-making specialists point out that percale sheeting is assumed to be of longer fiber cotton—the yarns are finer, even, and light in weight—and therefore nicer in appearance. They often are softer and smoother than muslin sheets. However, they are more expensive—and will not withstand vigorous laundering as well as heavy muslin. A good quality muslin sheeting is strong, sturdy and durable. Good quality heavy muslin—often sold as type 140—has fine yarns, is smooth, and becomes softer and smoother with use and laundering. The specialists recommend it for hard wear—particularly in families with growing boys.

White potatoes

Put a little lemon juice in mashed potatoes to keep them really white.

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

A LONG TIME, now, architects have been addicted to what is known as the "open floor plan", and "flow" has been a word often heard by shoppers for new homes.

"Flow" is an architectural device whereby, when you enter a house, you find yourself first in one room, then in another, and then in another without any consciousness of having gone through a door.

You haven't gone through a door! There are no doors. In fact, there are scarcely any walls. The sketchiest of "dividers" separate one room from another.

Women are supposed to like this. You could throw a very large party indeed in such a house without having traffic jams—the nightmare of the hostesses!

Are times changing? At the Woman's Conference on Housing, recently held in New York City, delegates began screaming for walls. "Walls, walls and more walls."

These women agreed that the entrance should be separated from the living room by a wall. Again, there should be a wall between the dining room and the living room. The dining room should be accessible to the kitchen by a door, not a "counter" or half-wall.

Many voted for a separate dining room, a room NOT the so-called family room. Many also desired an eating space in the kitchen.

In spite of the fact that the proudest boast of modern architecture is the efficiency of the kitchen, much fault was found with these electrified wonders. "Storage space," these ladies cried. "We need more storage space!"

In other words, what these women seem to be asking for is simply an old-fashioned house, a house with rooms, with walls, with doors, with perhaps, occasionally, a little privacy.

We all love children. But do we want them under foot and in full view all of the time? Cooking is often a dull and boring task, but does the housewife want to be in full view of her guests, or even her family, all of the time?

Well, tastes differ. Some women truly do like the house without walls, without isolation. But not all! Not all! And a few of them are saying so.

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Macy's trying to destroy union, is charge by Clerks

From Toledo, Ohio, Secretary-Treasurer E. T. Leedy of the Retail Clerks District Council in that area has sent a letter to all secretary-treasurers of State Federations and Central Labor Council which contains the following statements:

The Macy Corporation for over a year has carried on a campaign to destroy Retail Clerks Local Nos 128 and 633 in Toledo and to unload their collective bargaining obligations along with their oldest employees, some of them with up to 35 years of service. Macy's entered this conspiracy after 20 years of contractual relations with the unions.

Representatives of the Toledo locals are taking their story to the public in every city in which Macy's operates. They need your help to acquaint the public with the cruel attitude of the Macy Corporation toward its Toledo store employees.

We would appreciate your fraternal cooperation in helping to acquaint the public, the affiliated labor unions, and particularly the customers of Macy stores (if operating in your area), with the facts contained in this communication.

We would also greatly appreciate your organization writing to Jack Straus, Chairman of the Board, R. H. Macy Company, Inc., 34th and Broadway, New York City, to protest against the inhumane treatment this company is practicing on its Toledo workers.

Over three hundred members of our Toledo Local Nos. 128 and 633, have been waging an heroic struggle against the Macy Corporation to save their jobs and their unions, since November 23, 1957.

The Macy Corporation through the management of its Toledo store, has for nearly a year refused every effort made by the unions to reach a fair settlement of the strike.

J. R. Waldie says he will not quit labor now that he is in the Assembly

Jerome R. Waldie, recently elected Assemblyman, 10th District, has expressed his grateful appreciation for the tremendous assistance given him by organized labor in Contra Costa County.

"The success of my campaign was in large measure due to the untiring efforts of labor in this district.

I do not intend to drift away from the labor movement during my term of office. I desire and will be most pleased to receive invitations from your locals to report to them periodically on matters of concern that might arise in the Assembly."

Advertisement

Is Jimmy Hoffa Caught in His Own Trap?

Rank-and-file Teamsters are churning up a reform tide that may roll right over Boss Hoffa. An article in December Reader's Digest tells how the wave got started... what it may mean to every union member. You'll learn how a "public relations gimmick" may have signaled the beginning of the end for Jimmy Hoffa.

Be sure you read "Is Jimmy Hoffa Caught in His Own Trap?" and 35 other informative articles in December Reader's Digest—now on sale at newsstands, drug and variety stores, and supermarket checkout counters.

Holmdahl on city pay policy

Editor, Labor Journal:

I was interested to read in the November 21 East Bay Labor Journal the report of the CLC discussion of the Oakland City Council "policy of asking City employees to take a pay cut, supposedly in order to get in line for promotion." Judging by the article, the report to the CLC apparently was not complete.

The East Bay Municipal Employees Union had requested Council action concerning the pay classification of sewer mechanics and oil machine operators. The Council acted favorably and unanimously in increasing the salary range for sewer mechanics. It deferred action, also unanimously, on the oil machine operator classification, pending a complete review of all classifications so that all inequities might be corrected at one time in relationship to each other.

I have differed with the majority of the Council on many occasions, including the subject involved here. As examples, when it appeared during budget session that a general salary increase would be supported only by former Councilman Grant and myself, and the Council agreed on my suggestion that the City Manager recommend increases at least for those classifications substantially out of line, the majority of the Council on two occasions refused to act on the City Manager's recommendation that adjustments be made in the salaries of 330 employees whose salaries were "substantially" out of line. On both occasions, former Councilman Grant, Councilman Youell,

and I voted for adjustments in these classifications.

In my opinion, the most recent action of the Council was sound and desirable. The classification not acted upon (oil machine operator) was not one of the 330 employees above mentioned; to have acted on it would have by-passed the balance of those classifications and tended to have thrown the classifications even further out of line with each other. The sewer mechanic classification, which was adjusted, was among the 330 employees and, in my opinion, should have been adjusted five months ago.

This letter has been lengthy, but I feel the full story should be known.

Yours truly,
JOHN W. HOLMDAHL

La Fleche thanks Journal and voters

Editor, Labor Journal:

As one of the candidates in the recent election, may I say thank you for the space your paper devoted to informing the electorate on the many offices and issues involved.

I wish also to express my appreciation to the many friends, known and unknown, whose support has given me the privilege of serving the people of Alameda County as Superintendent of Schools during the next four years.

Sincerely,
ROCK LA FLECHE

CHRISTMAS CARDS: GET ORDERS IN BY DEC. 10!

Time is getting short on Christmas cards. If you wish to get in your order for beautiful union-made Christmas cards please get the order in by December 10, which is next Wednesday.

Sample books showing the cards available can be seen either at the Central Labor Council office or at the Journal Press and East Bay Labor Journal office at 1622 East 12th Street, Oakland.

CWA 9415 elects 1959-60 officers

Communications Workers Local 9415 election for the 1959-60 terms of officers resulted in Cal Lord, second vice president from Plant, defeating President Len Lawson for the presidency by 442 to 316.

Violet Bogan was unopposed for second vice president.

Jim Watson, Transportation, defeated Larry Butler, Installation, by 419 to 326, for second vice president.

In the closet race Art Wade, third vice president, retained that office by defeating Ralph Mole 395 to 356.

Ann Morlatt retained the office of secretary-treasurer by defeating George "Bud" Tageson 420 to 332.

DR. GEORGE S. REUTER, JR., formerly dean and director of summer session, State Teachers College, Minot, N. D., has been named research director of the American Federation of Teachers, AFLCIO.

Registration for State merger meet to begin tomorrow

AFL registration of delegates for four state AFLCIO merger sessions opens tomorrow, Saturday morning, December 6, 1958, at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco.

C. J. Haggerty secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor said that registration facilities would cover the following conventions to be held during the period December 8-13, 1958:

1. The California State Federation of Labor convention of December 8.

2. The California Labor Federation, AFLCIO merger convention of December 9-13.

3. The California Labor League for Political Education convention of December 8.

4. The California Labor Council on Political Education merger convention of December 9.

The state AFL head said the registration desk would begin operations in the main lobby of the Fairmont Hotel at 9:00 o'clock on Saturday morning.

Haggerty warned all delegates to be certain to present the original and duplicate of credential forms.

All four conventions will be held in the main arena of the San Francisco Civic Auditorium. The two political organization conventions will be night sessions.

Headquarters for the week-long merger conventions will be located in the Fairmont Hotel.



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Witness declares business group in plan to aid Hoffa

A truck industry "labor expert" admitted to the McClellan select Senate committee that he and several other industry leaders tried to get favorable newspaper publicity for Teamsters' President James R. Hoffa at the time of Hoffa's 1957 trial on bribery charges.

John Bridge, head of the Motor Carriers Labor Advisory Council of Chicago, told the committee headed by Senator John L. McClellan (D., Ark.) that the public relations effort was carried out because Hoffa had been "very helpful to the industry."

His testimony came just before the committee recessed until December 3 after a week of hearings generally described as probing the subject of secondary boycotts. In a closing statement, Senator Sam Ervin (D., N. C.), acting chairman, said the testimony would be "of great value" to the committee "in arriving at a sounder understanding of the problem."

Bridge told the committee of a plan whereby representatives of different carriers were to "contact certain people in the press" in an effort to "put a better light on what he (Hoffa) was doing." The carriers' intervention came just prior to Hoffa's trial on charges of allegedly bribing a committee investigator to obtain information about the inquiry. Hoffa was subsequently acquitted.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

Friday night, December 5 we will have a special call for election of a treasurer of Local 36. Come on down and cast a ballot, and listen to a report from the delegates who went to the convention in St. Louis.

The vacation applications are still coming in from 1957 work. Get yours in if you have not so far.

Just a little reflection after the election shows that we have many real problems here in California. The one most important for us all, both north and south, and really vital to our prosperity and growth is WATER. If this is not resolved and progress made in developing water resources for all the State we will soon wither on the vine. Water is basic to work for everyone and there is nothing in the State that more jobs won't cure.

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

Various meetings have been held here in Northern California the past couple of years by the business managers and business representatives, also by the delegates to the Northern Council, to try and formulate some reciprocal arrangement, whereby traveling members of the United Association will be given due credit for employer health and welfare contributions while working in the jurisdiction of sister local unions.

Recently, another such meeting was held and the following resolution was adopted to recommend to all United Association

local unions in Northern California:

A—The one traveling member of the United Association, traveling for the convenience of his employer, in accordance with Section 169 of the United Association Constitution upon presenting his travel card to the proper representative, the representative will mark on the dispatch, "pay all fringe benefits to the individual's designated trust fund". Further, the union's representative will notify the employer by whom the traveling member is employed, of this action.

B—All other travel members who deposit their travel card in accordance with Section 169 of the United Association Constitution and accept employment, the following shall prevail: Upon receiving in writing, from the traveling member's home local union, a notice which shall include the name, address and Social Security number of those involved, the local union where the traveling member has deposited his travel card will process this request for all employers health and welfare contributions, and forward the monies to the trust fund offices designated by the requesting local union.

So as this matter progresses all members of this local union will be advised of any further developments.

The California State Building and Construction Trades Convention was held the past week in San Francisco. Starting December 8, the California State Federation of Labor Convention will be held in San Francisco. In attendance at these Conventions, Lou Kovacevich and Bill Weber.

The office would like to remind you that there will be two membership meetings during the month of December, the 3rd and 14th. There will be no meeting on December 18. The election of officers will be held Sunday, December 14. Voting machines will be used and the election will be held in Hall "D" of the Labor Temple and the polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Be sure to bring your dues book.

Speaking of elections, Local Union No. 250 of Los Angeles will hold its first election of officers in two years, December 14, 1958, under the supervision of the general officers of the United Association. As you know this Local Union has been under the supervision of the International. It is interesting to note that candidates include, 4 running for Business Manager, 32 candidates for Business Agent—4 to be elected, 42 candidates for Executive Board—4 to be elected.

The employment situation is making some progress here in our union, though our sister local unions are still continuing to help some of our unemployed members.

Again, remember to vote on December 14 and bring your dues book with you.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

We don't know how many shopping days are left until Christmas when you read this, but after the holidays we have some unfinished business to take care of. For instance, we need to vote in some City Councilmen who will put the interests of the working people, ahead of the Tribune owners.

It will be interesting to note just who the Tribune will recommend. I'm sure any recommendation of the Tribune made by the Tribune, is for the Tribune.

I wonder what happened to our government of the PEOPLE, by the PEOPLE, and for the PEOPLE? It wasn't supposed to perish from this earth.

Incidentally, I saw an item in a S. F. paper where a leading figure in the Chamber of Commerce was fined \$263.00 or 50 days in jail for drunk driving. Can it be he was drowning his sorrows over the defeat of proposition No. 18? Perhaps this is one of the fringe benefits of the Chamber of Commerce executives. A booze break . . .

H--- or high water, Vic cast his vote!

Victor E. Senander, retired steamfitter and a member of Steamfitters Local No. 342, has returned home from Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Oakland where he was confined since November 2 for an eye operation.

Before being operated upon on November 4th—"E-Day", Brother Senander received an emergency absentee ballot and at 7:15 a.m. that day, was marking his ballot while nurses waited to put him under sedation for his operation at 7:30 a.m.

Nothing could suppress Vic's true trade-union spirit, nor was anything more important than that he should vote! He is up and around but ordered to be inactive for some time.

Vic will welcome a visit from his brothers and friends. He resides at 3327 Wilson Avenue, Oakland, phone KEllog 3-2689. He is the father-in-law of John J. King, Grand Lodge representative of the International Association of Machinists, in charge of the Oakland regional office.

'Independent mailers' getting dollar an hour

Duncan Ross, Mailers 18, says that the "independent mailers union" esconced there has a "contract" under which the workers at the Siemens Mailing Service get only a dollar an hour. An NLRB election is scheduled there for Thursday, December 11.

Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

Three weeks to Christmas and time to fill up those old socks, also other things, but let us be careful on how much we fill up.

In my last column I reported that brother Edwards is now representing Local Union 127 as Business Representative to the District Council. Brother Edwards, your Executive Board and all concerned are now making a special appeal to all members to report any thing that seems to be a violation of our agreement, and telling them that it will be taken care of.

Remember, it is impossible for anyone to know where all jobs are or where everyone is working at any given time. Only through your cooperation can your conditions be kept up to standard.

Shortly after the first of the year our negotiating committees will be meeting to revise our present agreement. I would suggest that anyone who has any suggestions should write them out and send them into the office.

As the next meeting on December 11 will be the last one this year the entertainment committee requests everyone to be present as they may have a surprise for us.

Had a visit from brother Bill Patterson and his wife the other day. Many of the older members will remember him as a former Business Agent of the Building Trades Council. He is now living on the Rogue River in Oregon. He says to say hello to all and that fishing up there is very good.

Brother Rutledge is now in Mexico and will be there for some time. Brother Parman spent a few days in the hospital with an infected foot. Anyone knowing of any hardship cases among our members should let the office know about them before Christmas comes along.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Due to the holiday, there is not much outside activity to report, however, I do wish again to remind the members that the \$2.00 assessment ended October 31. Members are still sending this assessment in with their November and December dues. Please discontinue sending in the \$2.00 assessment after your October dues have been paid.

Stationary Engineers in General Foods contract

Herb Sims, Stationary Engineers 39, announces that settlement has been reached with General Foods, against which his union had secured strike sanction. Wage increase 12½ cents per hour across the board, 4-week vacations after 20 years.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

Brother R. E. Alward is in Alameda Hospital, very much in need of blood. Volunteer donors will please contact the financial secretary's office.

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095 will be held Thursday, December 4, at 8 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
ALBERT R. SILVA,
Secretary

CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Local 1158 has elected a new financial secretary, Ralph Henderson, 5507 Modoc Avenue, Richmond, California. Anyone wishing to send in communications or dues can send them to him at that address.

Fraternally yours,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

No notice of meetings for this local until mid December. We will then give you the dope.

Sincerely,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Rec.-Sec.

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 9.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, on December 6, at 2:00 p.m.

The executive board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,
JOE FALLS,
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STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays 4th and 18th, at 8:00 p.m.

Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

No meeting Thursday, January 1, 1959—New Year's Day.

Season's Greetings to You All.

Fraternally yours,
East Bay Union of Machinists
DAVE ARCA
Recording Secretary

CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

The next regular meeting of Local No. 939, will be held Friday, December 12th, in Hall B at the Labor Temple.

Due to the Christmas holiday there will be no meeting December 26. Seasons greetings and best wishes to all.

Fraternally yours,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Regular meeting Friday, December 5, at 8:00 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward.

Stewards meeting at the Labor Temple Tuesday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. NIXON,
Recording Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

The office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Dues also may be paid on regular meeting nights.

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Some members are not sending in the correct amount of dues. To avoid delay and extra office work, the amount is \$25.35 per quarter. We regret to report the deaths of

Brother Barnett Firestein and Brother P. B. Murphy. The officers and members of Local 40 send deepest sympathy to their families.

Fraternally yours,
CLARENCE B. SLATER,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Our next meeting to be held December 4, will be a special called meeting as the negotiating committee will explain the details in connection with the dispatching of men with reference to the hiring hall clause adopted by the members in attendance at the membership meeting held November 20.

Also, the Executive Board of this Union will report on their meeting held December 3, pursuant to the membership's instructions.

General election of officers will be by secret ballot on the second Sunday in December

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y., Bus. Mgr.

BAKERY WAGON DRIVERS 432

The next QUARTERLY MEETING will be held Tuesday, December 9, 1958, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in Hall M, 3rd floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California. Nominations for officers will be held at this meeting.

As per by-laws, a PENALTY of \$5.00 will be imposed for non-attendance.

Your attendance is urgently requested. Please be on time as no attendance cards will be given out after 7:30 p.m. Awards of twenty (20) \$10.00 merchandise orders will be made.

S. J. WRIGHT,
President
LES BENHAM,
Sec.-Treas., Bus. Rep.

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting will be held Saturday, December 13 at 2 p.m. The Executive Board will meet at 1:30 p.m.

The place, Eagle Hall, 2238 San Pablo Avenue in Berkeley.

This will be the second and last meeting for nominations of your officers for the coming year. Please make every effort to attend for this should be of great interest to you.

The Christmas dinner will be held Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. December 21 at Bellini's Restaurant, 4130 Telegraph Avenue in Oakland.

Refreshments will be served at our next meeting by Coffee Jentings.

Fraternally yours,
CHAS HOBBS,
Secretary-Treasurer

CARPENTERS 36

Friday at 8:00 p.m., December 5, will be a special called meeting to elect a Treasurer, to fill the unexpired term of brother Adolph Teitz. Brothers Howell Frazier and William Wheeler have been nominated for this office. Please come and cast your ballot.

Delegates from the general convention of Carpenters will make their reports.

Treasurer Paul Hudgins of Local 36's Credit Union requests your participation in this organization. Six dollars will make you a full fledged member (one dollar for your initiation fee and five dollars for your savings share). This will entitle you to borrow money in case of any emergency. If you care to put some of your money to work, you will find that your Credit Union pays better interest than most banks.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444, will be a special called one, and will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 1958, in Hall M on the third floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

1. We will conduct the regular order of business.

2. Election.

3. Members desirous of securing their 1959-1960 due books may do so by paying their January, 1959, dues and coming into the office signing the book.

4. Local union office will be closed Friday, December 26, 1958, and Friday, January 2, 1959.

It is important that you watch these union meeting notices in your East Bay Labor Journal paper as they should be important to you.

Please make every effort to attend your union meetings.

Fraternally yours,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Bus. Mgr. & Fin. Sec.-Treas.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

The next meeting of the Local will be Thursday, December 11, 1958. This will be the only meeting of December and the last meeting of the year.

Let's get down and make this a big meeting for the end of the year and have a little Christmas cheer. There will be a short meeting and refreshments will be served.

Also don't forget Sunday, December 14, 1958. This is the Sunday that we help decorate Oak Knoll Hospital. Let's have a good turn out to Oak Knoll, Sunday December 14, 1958, 9:00 a.m.

The officers of the Local wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope to see a lot of members, Thursday, December 11, 1958.

Fraternally yours,
ED. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

Labor asked to sponsor and be represented in study of leisure time

Mrs. Helen Burnhill, representing the Council of Community Services of Oakland, Piedmont, and Emeryville, told the Central Labor Council this week that her organization is setting up a Commission on Leisure Time Services to assemble information on what leisure time services are given by various agencies and to prepare a report on it.

She asked the council to endorse the plan, and to have three representatives serve on it during the 5 months of its activity. The matter was referred to the executive committee for consideration.

CLC Assistant Secretary Arthur Hellender and Charles Garoni, delegate from the Linoleum Layers, are members of the board of directors of the Council of Community Services.



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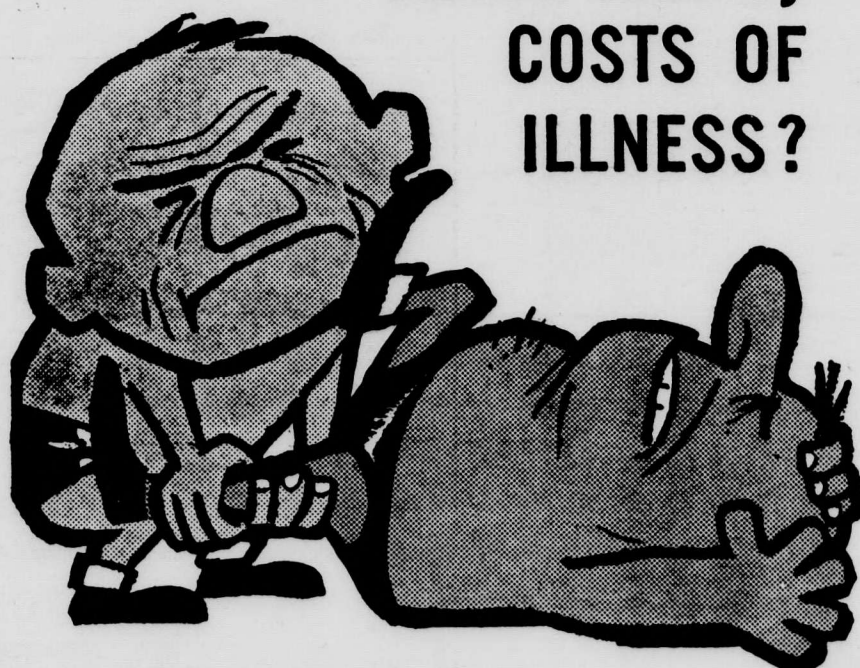
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Business lobbies demanding consumer taxes for the State

Big business lobbies have opened a total assault calling for imposition of additional sales and consumer taxes on the working people of California.

Recent newspaper stories indicate that big business spokesmen in Sacramento will attempt to meet California's current deficit with more sales and other consumer taxes.

State AFL spokesmen have long noted that the present deficit should be met by touching at least the following sources of revenue:

1. **State income tax** — California's present income tax provides less than 8 percent of the total state revenue, and was written to protect the wealthy.

2. **Severance tax** — Although California is second among the states in the production of mineral wealth, principally oil and gas, it obtains virtually no revenue from a tax on the severance of these limited resources from the land. If the Louisiana severance tax rate were applied to California, the state treasury would benefit by about \$70 million a year.

3. **Corporation tax** — California's present franchise corporation tax produces only about 9 percent of the state revenues without regard to corporate size. Application of the Pennsylvania corporation tax schedule would bring \$142 million in additional revenue to the California treasury.

4. **Documentary and stock transfer tax** — California levies no such tax. Competitive industrial states such as New York and Pennsylvania obtain \$39

million and \$20 million a year respectively from this tax source.

5. **Inheritance tax** — California realizes only 2.3 percent of its total revenues from inheritance taxes. Elimination of liberal exemptions and application of a progressive rate schedule on multimillionaires would mean additional millions in state moneys. — **State Federation Newsletter.**

N. W. Teamsters for Labor reform bill

Joint Council of Teamsters No. 28, meeting in Seattle, recently adopted a resolution, proposed by the executive board of one of the affiliated locals, favoring passage of "reform-labor legislation patterned after the Kennedy-Ives bill at the next session of the Washington Legislature."

The Washington Teamster in an editorial headed "A step in the right direction," said:

"Let's face it, brothers and sisters. Some sort of labor legislation will be approved by the next Washington State Legislature. It will depend solely on a unified labor movement in this state as to what kind of legislation will be dropped in the hopper and passed."

Foley's golden wedding

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Foley recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Foley is secretary-treasurer of Insurance Agents Local 219.

Oakland Boosters Club to honor Jas. H. Quinn at Sunday, Dec. 14 dinner

The Oakland Boosters Club will pay tribute to James H. Quinn, one of its most distinguished members, at its annual Christmas champagne dinner to be held Sunday, December 14, at the Lake Merritt Hotel.

In honoring Quinn, Dan Marovich, president of the Boosters Club stated, "In paying tribute to Jim Quinn the Boosters are recognizing his public service in the Crippled Childrens Society, Cerebral Palsy, March of Dimes, and many other community campaigns and projects."

Frank Amerio, chairman for the dinner, says, "Jim Quinn's popularity as a public official assures the Boosters of an overflow crowd." Tickets for the event can be secured at the Lake Merritt Hotel.

More unemployment now than there was a year ago, State figures show

Statistics released by the State Department of Industrial Relations and the State Department of Employment shows that the jobless total for October 1958 hit 273,000 as compared with 175,000 for October 1957.

The October 1958 figure represented 4.5 percent of the labor force, whereas only 2.9 percent of the labor force was unemployed one year ago.

This year unemployment fell from 303,000 in September 1958, to 273,000 in October.

However, employment also dropped from 6,106,000 in September to 6,066,000 in October. — **State Federation Newsletter.**

Hard work needed to put over FEPC

Chairman C. L. Dellums and Secretary William Becker of California Committee for Fair Employment Practices say the following in a letter to those interested throughout the State:

The recent election resulted in a considerable improvement for the chances of FEPC in the 1959 legislature. Here is a summary of what happened in the State Senate, the graveyard of FEPC in the past:

- Six Senators who voted against FEPC will no longer be in the State Senate.

- Nine men, elected for the first time, pledged to support FEPC.

- We count 22 votes for FEPC on the basis of either: their vote on SB 1955 in 1957 or, their campaign pledge, if not in the Senate before.

However, this majority will get a chance to vote on FEPC only if the bill gets out of the Senate's Labor Committee. This is not automatic or certain. The Senate Rules Committee is the body which sets up the Senate Committees, within the framework of Senate Rules. The Rules Committee will probably be the same five Senators as served in the past session. The four holdovers on the Labor Committee (which was seven in the past) include three bitter opponents of FEPC.

Alameda Co. leads in store building

Industrial building permits issued in the Bay Area during the month of October fell to their lowest valuation since June of 1957, the Bay Area Council announces. Permits issued for \$1,562,214 showed a sharp decline from September's record high for this year of \$5,274,568. The total for the first ten months of 1958, \$27,721,481, was markedly under the \$36,045,244 total for the same period last year.

Santa Clara led the nine Bay Area counties in industrial building investment during October, including one permit for \$600,000 issued to the Federal Pacific Electric Co., and exceeded other counties during the ten-month period by more than three million dollars.

Store building increased in October to \$1,787,942 from September's figure of \$1,138,305, with Alameda continuing to lead in this field of construction.

Larry Ross of CTU is cited by union paper for energy

The Commercial Telegraphers Journal, official publication of the Commercial Telegraphers Union, published in its November issue a picture of Larry Ross, president of CTU 208 here, with the following article by the editor:

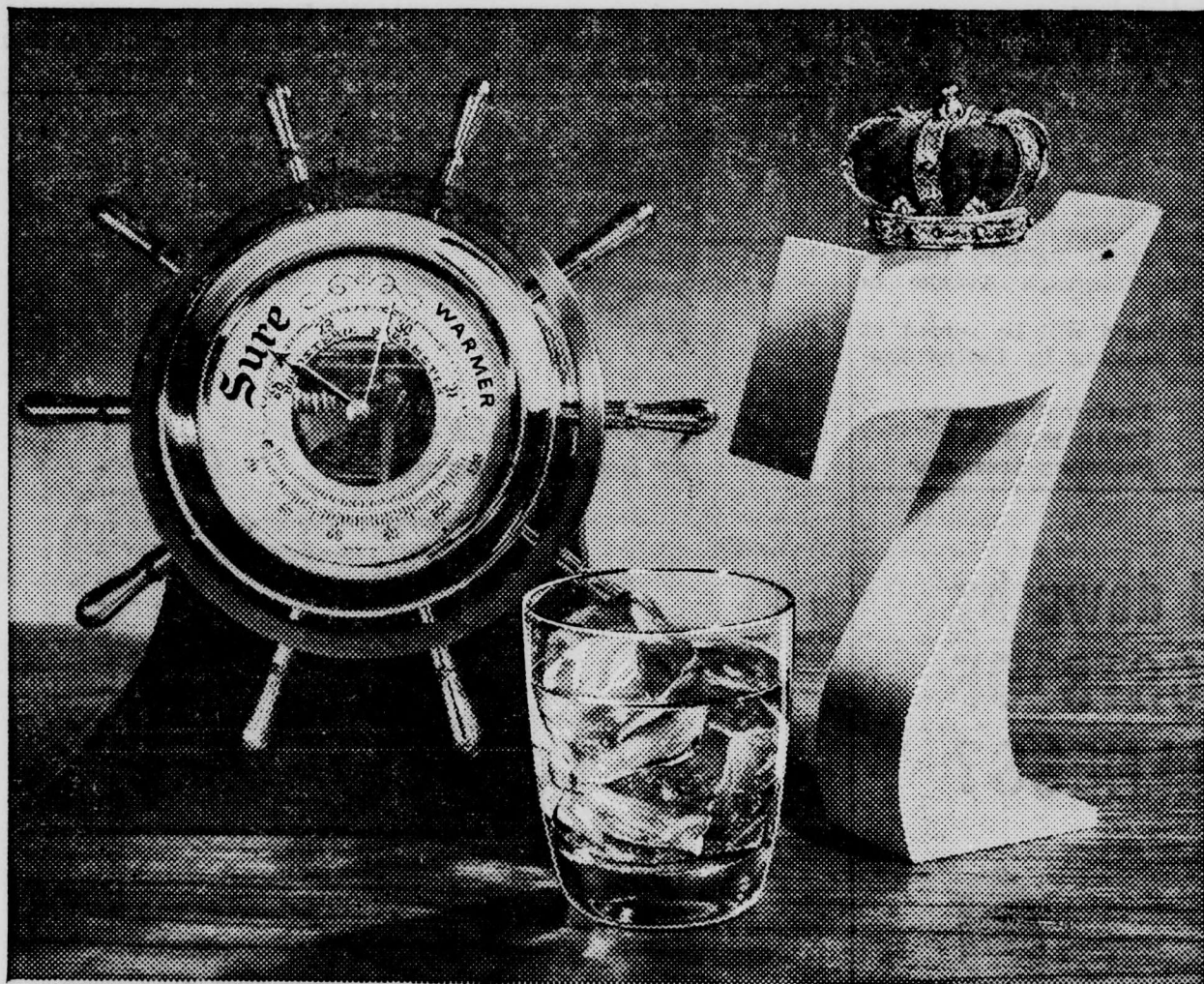
President Larry Ross has every reason to be proud of the officers and members of Local 208. They have continually responded to his appeals in behalf of good unionism, including support of the Committee on Political Education. Few, if any Locals in CTU, have responded more generously to COPE than have the members of Local 208. During the past three years they have surpassed their quotas by 50 percent or more. Many of the smaller groups in our Press Divisions have been contributing 100 percent to the COPE drives, but few of the larger Locals equal the support given by the Oakland membership. COPE is one of labor's best safeguards. It uses the workers' contributions to oppose 'wreck' laws and promote the election of worthy candidates.

President Ross does not limit his union activities to COPE alone. He is continually fighting office closures and WU Speedup. A recent "threat of a work stoppage" brought some needed relief to the overworked employees. During the election campaigns, he has advised the members about the necessity of getting out the vote, especially in the recent election in California, where forces hostile to labor were endeavoring to pass a so-called 'right-to-work' law, which fortunately met with defeat. President Ross is grateful to the officers and members of Local 208 for their "fine cooperation." They are to be commended for their militant unionism.

Two trade unionists are reelected by Red Cross

NEW YORK — Two trade union officials have been re-elected to the board of directors of the New York Red Cross Chapter.

Chosen for three-year terms were Sec.-Treas. Morris Iushe-witz of the New York City CIO Council and Pres. Jack Townsend, president of Local 15 of the Bartenders. Long active in Red Cross affairs, they were first elected to the board in 1955. — **AFLCIO News.**



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Three candidates for 1 vacancy on executive board

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670 nominated Crowell, citing the fact that Crowell's predecessor as secretary of the Cleaners local, the late A. G. Almeida, had been president of the council; and that Crowell along with Eddie Maney of the Laundry Workers had done his best to clean up their old international which had been finally expelled by the AFLCIO, and that Crowell was now a general vice president of the new international.

Bill Stumpf, Steel Machinists 1304, seconded Crowell's nomination, and said that Joe Angelo of the Steelworkers had said that if he had been able to attend the meeting he would have seconded it.

Frank G. Sunday, Bartenders 52, nominated James F. Quinn of that local, former president of the council. Quinn declined, saying that he had been honored by serving formerly as president of the council and as a member of the executive board, and that he felt the older delegates should make room for younger men whose building of experience in the higher offices would be of benefit to the labor movement here.

Leslie K. Moore, Auto & Ship Painters 1176, nominated Mathiesen for the executive committee, saying that a man's own record was important, and also the group he represents, and that Mathiesen meets both of those requirements.

Thoman nominated Hutchinson for the executive committee, declaring that Hutchinson was in touch with a group of liberals at the university with whom it was important for labor to have more contacts. The nomination was seconded by Frances Kaczmarek, Culinary 31; Charles Wells, Steelworkers 1793; Herb Sims, Stationary Engineers 39; Al Hansen, Electricians 1245.

Thornton was nominated by Don Finnie, Butchers 120. Thornton was not present, so CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx asked that Thornton's acceptance of the nomination be sent in at once.

John W. Austin, Typographical 36, was nominated by Bob Smith, Steel Machinists 1304, but declined.

Austin and Lew Bliz were elected judges, Jody Kerrigan and Millie Castelluccio tellers, and Pete Ceremello inspector for the election.

One of those teenyweeny infinitesimal drops in food prices microscoped

Led by cheaper meats and eggs, the San Francisco worker's family food bill dropped 0.8 percent in October, according to Max D. Kossoris, Western Regional Director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The over-the-month drop wiped out most of the 1.1 percent gain shown in September, and brought food prices down to within a half percent of the August level. At 122.9 (1947-49=100), the Bureau's San Francisco food price index was at exactly the same level as last March, but about 1½ percent below the historic high of 124.5 in June of this year. Prices, however, were still considerably above those of last year, with this October's figure almost 4 percent higher than that of October 1957.

Demo victory fete Saturday evening

State Senator-elect John W. Holmdahl, first Democrat to be accorded this office from the voters of Alameda County since 1890, will be the featured speaker at the Victory Dinner sponsored by the Eighth Congressional District Council of Democratic Clubs on Saturday evening, December 6.

Democratic Assemblymen Carlos Bee of Hayward and Robert W. Crown of Alameda, from the 13th and 14th Districts respectively, and Assemblyman-elect Nicholas C. Petris from the 15th District will join the party and participate in the program, as well as several Democrats holding nonpartisan offices in the Eighth Congressional District.

The dinner will be held at the Cannery Workers Hall, Alice & C Streets, in Hayward, starting approximately at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, available at the affair, are \$1.50 for adults and 75¢ for children. The public is cordially invited to attend and join in an evening of fun and entertainment.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

NOTICE TO ALL COPE DELEGATES

Due to an oversight, East Bay Labor Journal was not notified of the cancellation of the COPE meetings for the balance of the year.

COPE will reconvene in January and the time and place of the meeting will be printed in East Bay Labor Journal. Kindly refer to it each week for important notices.

With best wishes, I am
Fraternally,
ROBERT S. ASH,
Secretary-Treasurer
Alameda County COPE

Officers are elected by Insurance Agents Local

Local 219 of the Insurance Agents has elected the following officers:

President Robert Coon, Vice President J. Bergamini, Secretary-Treasurer Wm. J. Foley, Sergeant-at-Arms H. Grade, Trustees D. Holm, G. Kiloh, V. Tarascio; Delegates to Alameda County Central Labor Council Wm. J. Foley and E. Perry; Delegates to Contra Costa Labor Council, Jack Stevenson and John Ryan.

Clear lunch hour & 'time to teach'

The Oakland Teachers Federation, AFLCIO, has submitted to the Board of Education a proposal for granting teachers a duty-free lunch hour and a guarantee of "time to teach." The proposal, submitted by Mrs. Elizabeth Jay, chairman of the union's elementary education committee, makes the following preliminary statement:

The members of the Elementary Education Committee of the Oakland Federation of Teachers agreed that two of the most important problems of the elementary teachers in Oakland are:

1. Lunch duty.
2. Classroom duties and interruptions which have nothing to do with the curriculum and are not provided for in the time allotment.

We feel that if these two problems could be solved, the quality of teaching would be greatly improved. A duty-free lunch hour and a guarantee of "time to teach" would improve teachers' physical and mental health and would help attract good teachers into our system.

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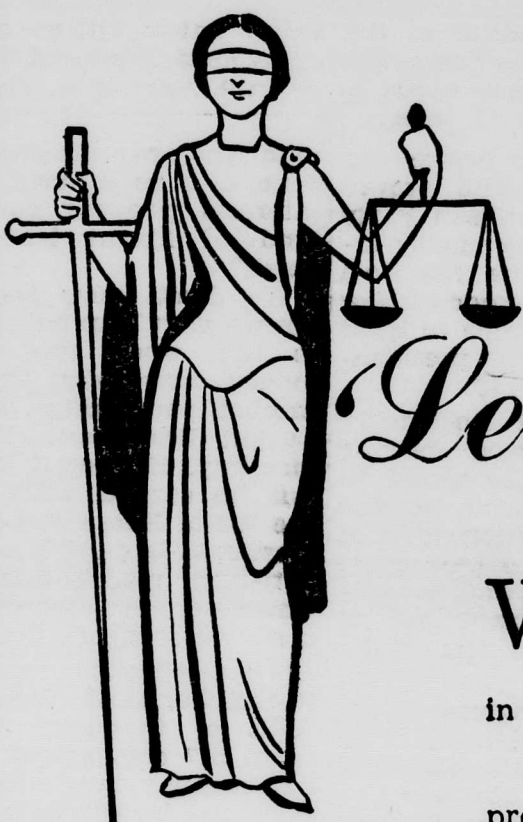
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Secretary; Manuel Dias is president of the State CIO Council, and John Despol is secretary.

Officers of the new California Labor Federation will be chosen at the merger convention. Robert S. Ash and Paul L. Jones are the vice presidents of the AFL State Federation of Labor in this district, and Manuel Dias, president of the State CIO Council, lives in Alameda County.

While the merger negotiations lasted a long time, and AFLCIO President Meany expressed some impatience about delays, as California is one of the key industrial States which he wished to see achieve merger early, it was generally believed as the day of the convention drew near that all major difficulties in the way of the uniting had been ironed out.

ST. ROSE HOSPITAL, proposed for the southern end of Alameda County, carrying on a fund-raising campaign, has asked for labor endorsement.



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In the beginning, more than a year ago, we asked modest improvement in wages, welfare and working conditions. Our employer — a division of the giant R. H. Macy chain — replied with a frontal attack on our very right just to sit at the bargaining table — despite a history of 21 years of fair and usually friendly collective bargaining relations.

Ever since, down the long months, Macy's has evaded any obligation to bargain with our unions by a shameful legal device — a device which was labeled by President Eisenhower as "licensing union-busting", a device which has been unsparingly condemned by fair-minded management as well as labor, a device which on its face is plainly a union-smashing tool.

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By its legal tactics, Macy's has made clear its union-busting intentions. Through its vast financial resources, it maintains an almost endless pressure to accomplish that purpose.

Our major resource in our fight to save our unions and regain our bargaining rights has been in the help of many thousands of fair-minded shoppers wherever Macy's does business.

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When pair of deuces is better than four 'aces'

AFLCIO President George Meany sent a letter to President Peter Terzick of the International Labor Press Association, the official organization of AFLCIO editors, which was read at the recent convention of that body in Washington.

In his letter Meany emphasized once more the disgust he feels when observing the advertising practices of some papers published by labor groups as well as by outright racketeers putting out phony labor papers, and says:

"Each State and city central body is responsible for publications it issues or endorses. The ideal situation, of course, would be to have no advertisements in a labor paper, the policy that is followed by the national AFLCIO in regard to its own publication and by many international unions . . . Our message to our own members should be paid for by the members out of trade union money."

Meany speaks of a central labor body being responsible for any publication "it issues or endorses." Perhaps many of our readers might pass over the two words and assume them to be about the same in meaning. But there's a world of difference.

In Alameda County the labor movement "issues" its own paper, East Bay Labor Journal. In Contra Costa County, as in many other counties, the labor movement simply "endorses" a paper which is privately owned, being but one of a chain of papers owned by the Olympic Press here in Oakland.

The Olympic Press—owned by Sheldon Sackett, who also owns a radio station—has in most of the columns of the various "endorsed" labor papers it publishes the same generalized material, good for what ails you, it might be said, whether the particular local labor movement in San Jose, or Santa Barbara, or Richmond, is suffering from boils, rheumatism, or hair coming out by the handfuls. Then in each standardized bottle a little special medicine, in the way of some local news, is poured.

Why is a private outfit permitted to run these chain "endorsed" papers? Because the central bodies which "endorse" them haven't got the gumption to own and publish their own labor papers. That's why. And in many instances, there is very little evidence that these gumptionless central bodies are on the way toward owning and operating their own papers.

It is idle to criticize Sackett or any other private enterpriser from moving in where labor itself creates the vacuum.

However, it is relevant to point out that chain papers of the sort mentioned can hardly be expected to be so sensitive to local needs and problems as a locally owned and operated community labor paper.

For example, during the recent campaign one of the Olympic Press Sackett papers which claims some circulation in Alameda County owing to the fact that it has been "endorsed" by a district trades body covering several counties published a big ad declaring that the "Four Aces" should be retained in office.

Two of the four "aces" were Democrats, Congressman George Miller and Congressman Jack Shelley, both of whom had won both nominations at the primary and consequently were already out of the battle.

The other two aces were Congressman Mailliard and Congressman Allen, Republicans who faced strong candidates, Allen, as we all know, later on Election Day losing out to our candidate, Jeff Cohelan.

That ad was unethical. It was, to what extent the paper publishing it claims to circulate in Alameda County, trying to defeat our man Cohelan by pretending that the incumbent Allen was linked up with our labor Congressmen Miller and Shelley. If the ad was unethical, so was the action of the Olympic Press Sackett chain paper in publishing it.

We hope that as part of the reform drive now going on in the united labor movement some good firm pressure will be exerted to get central labor bodies alerted to the need for developing the gumption to own and operate their own papers.

A couple of good authentic labor deuces as publications are better than "four aces" publications.

News item about Hon. Richard Nixon

Tricky Dick was conferring this week with California GOP leaders. They are trying to unite big farmers, management and ownership of industry, and eggheads who think it more profitable to stick with the losing rich rather than to go out into the sunshiny wilderness with the winning poor.

After Tricky gets 'em united the problem will be to work out a program constructed of nice sticky flypaper to catch and hold the votes of commoners and suchlike.

It's quite a job, but Tricky's working hard.

Free Choice



ROCKEFELLER: OLD BOOK IN SHINY NEW COVER?

George Ballis, editor of the Valley Labor Citizen of Fresno, has scooped East Bay Labor Journal by getting printed first something that very much needs to be said. Here it is, an editorial from his November 21 issue:

About six weeks before the election a leading and proven liberal in the Republican Party told me that the big money interests were running Nelson Rockefeller for governor of New York as their last hope to build up a possible winning presidential candidate for 1960.

He said that if Rockefeller won or made a good showing against Harriman he would be put up against Nixon for the presidential nomination. First of all, because the big boys are not sure Nixon can win and, secondly because they want one of their own boys in the White House.

The man who engineered the Rockefeller campaign is Tom Dewey. Rockefeller's financial support came from his own piles of cash plus, as Drew Pearson reported last week, from such moneyed interests as Chase Manhattan Bank, Guaranty Trust, U. S. Steel, Bethlehem Steel, Ford Motors, General Motors and the Standard Oil empire.

This is the same crowd which in 1952 dumped Taft in favor of Eisenhower. Now they are ready to dump Nixon in favor of Rockefeller, because the New York election has demonstrated that Rockefeller has a winning political personality.

Of course, Democratic fumbling in New York, similar to the Knowland-Knight switch, and Harriman's cold fish personality helped Rockefeller, but the magnitude of Rockefeller's personal victory cannot be denied especially since he was swimming upstream against a national Democratic tide.

Now just what kind of a man is Nelson Rockefeller? He's a nice guy. Reports indicate that he makes a hit with women voters. His family name is attached to a lot of charitable and educational endeavors.

A cynical person might claim that credit for these endeavors rests as much with the looseness of federal tax laws and it does with the apparent kind-heartedness of the Rockefeller clan. The cynics might argue that it is easy for the heirs of greedy big businessmen to be generous with the billions they inherited—even more so if the federal government rewards such generosity. But even the cynics must admit that Rockefeller's charitable endeavors are glaringly obvious.

The important question for independent union and liberal voters to settle is this: can any

man who owes his political well being to such powerful financial interests give our country the kind of liberal leadership it needs?

We don't know the answer, but we can't help but think back to 1951 when this same big money crowd dug up another shining personality, General Dwight Eisenhower. He was a nice guy. He wooed the ladies. But he carried with him into the White House and into Congressional leadership a bunch of anti-labor reactionaries most of whom were even worse than the medieval southern Democrats.

After checking up on the Rockefeller story, Secretary Ted Wills of Creamery Employees Local 517 commented, "It looks like a shiny new cover on the same old book." We're inclined to agree, and we are writing this only by way of warning. Let's not get swept away in the next two years by a big money promotion campaign similar to the 1951-52 deal. At that time a majority of Americans bought a shiny new cover only to discover in the intervening years that the book itself lacked plot, organization and real character.

So let's read the whole book this time . . .

Helps Uncle Sam

Samuel E. Osborne, Lodge 81, and employed at the Ordnance Depot Maintenance Division, Atlanta General Depot, U. S. Army, Forest Park, Ga., has submitted eight incentive award suggestions during 1958, and they have all been adopted.

Total saving to the Government so far is approximately \$5,250. Osborne has been in the Civil Service since 1943.

An active member of American Federation of Government Employees Lodge, he has been a committee member and on the executive board for several years. — Government Standard (AFGE)

Premier's warning

Pointing to the use of mass media by big business to mold public opinion, T. C. Douglas, premier of Saskatchewan, issues the following warning in the current issue of Co-op Report.

"They warn the public against the pitfalls of the state controlling the economy, but say nothing about the fact that the economy (as big business grows bigger) is rapidly controlling the state." — Farmers Union Herald.

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .
We Run 'Em!

CREDIT UNION POLICY TOLD

Editor, Labor Journal:

"Not for profit, not for charity, but for service" is the motto of the Credit Unions. The members put in their few dollars apiece as savings, and thereby have funds available to loan to a brother in an emergency, or for any good purpose, such as financing a car or other items. We save the brother many dollars by keeping him out of the hands of the "loan shark", and we insure the loan up to \$10,000 so he knows his family will not suffer the added burden of debt if he dies.

"The debts shall die with the debtor", is a good Credit Union principle.

The insurance we carry also makes every dollar of savings mean added life insurance for the member. All funds deposited prior to age 55 are doubled on the death of the depositor. Funds deposited after age 55 are increased in lesser proportion, the greater the age.

The Credit Union is owned and run by the members, with good returns on savings, and a fair interest rate on loans. There are over 25,000 Credit Unions in the U. S. and we are one of the newest and fastest growing. All are based on the principle of human brotherhood and cooperation. "To do good is our religion."

PAUL HUDGINS, Treasurer
Carpenters 36 Credit Union

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ANTI-18 GROUP VOTES TO GO ON

Editor, Labor Journal:

A civic minded group of the Citizens Committee against Proposition No. 13, in Zone No. 1 and No. 6 who did a bang up job in the recent election, distributing literature and etc., met last Friday night, November 28th at Paul Hudgins' (Zone Captain's) home. The meeting was well attended.

The principal topic of discussion was should their group and the groups in the other zones be kept active. The unanimous consensus of opinion was that, they should be. It was pointed out that this last election was just the first round in a long fight, and that we should not be too complacent in our victory. The Prize is Government-ship. The winner—We the people? or The reactionary Knowland clique?

Locally there will be an election in June, Councilmen, etc. The thinking of the group was, that we should stick together, and through our united efforts elect candidates pledged to the good government of all citizens, not just a privileged few.

It is to be hoped that the various Zone groups will be solidified and kept intact under some Central body, possibly COPE.

Fraternally yours,
For a new and better Government
GEO. P. COLLINS,
Co-Captain in
Zone 1 and 6
Member of Carpenters
Local No. 36

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PRISON

Prison is a lot of things to a lot of people. Sanctuary to some, anathema to others, annoyance to the pro who holds it only an occupational hazard like painter's colic or watchmaker's eye. But to the many—yes, Virginia, the many—it is a burden to be carried. A burden, more often than not, assumed because of an inadequate sense of responsibility to the self and to one's own role in the scheme of things. — San Quentin News.